



SHANE BRAND – Wheelchair rugby

STATISTICS



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| Date of birth | 5 August 1973 |
| Sport | Wheelchair rugby |
| Disability | Quadriplegia |
| How acquired | Motor accident |
| Residence | Preston, Victoria |
| Occupation | Test analyst |
| First time competed in your sport | 2003 |
| First time competed for Aust Sport career highlights | 2007 demonstration match Being a member of Beijing shadow squad |
| Personal honours/awards received | Wheelchair Sports Victoria most improved athlete in 2007, All Star Award 2007 |
| Greatest sporting moment | Being selected to represent Australia |
| Most influential person | Brad Dubberley |
| Heroes/role models | Grant Hackett |
| Favourite quote | What doesn't kill you makes you stronger |

BIOGRAPHY

Shane Brand believes what doesn't kill him will only make him stronger. With an extensive background in martial arts, Shane is a disciplined athlete who turned his talents to wheelchair rugby after a car accident left him a quadriplegic.

He holds three black belts in karate, kick boxing and doce-pares and actually ran a martial arts school for three years. Now his focus is on Beijing. A new comer to the sport, Shane's greatest moment was being selected to represent Australia, something he has never felt more proud to do. In 2007, he won the Most Improved Athlete for the Year by the WSV and also received the 2007 All Star Award.

A bit of a larrikin, Shane believes his wheelchair lets him get away with things an able bodied person couldn't and admits he still enjoys watching cartoons. His drive and stubbornness sets him apart from others and it is with such dedication that Shane will strive for success with the team in Beijing.